

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 25-46 are now in this case. Claims 16, 17 and 18 have been amended to improve antecedent basis.

Amendments to the Specification

Several typographic and clerical errors have been made at the request of the Examiner. None of the amendments represents the addition of new matter.

Amendment of the Claims

Claims 16-18 have been amended to improve antecedent basis with claim 15 from which they depend. In each case the claim has been amended to recite "the at least one protective layer" from claim 15. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

The Rejections

Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Antecedent basis in these claims is improper. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to better correlate with the language recited in claim 15. Claim 16 was also amended to improve its antecedent basis with claim 15. It is believed that this amendment obviate the rejections of claims 17 and 18.

Conclusion

The claims in this case are believed to be allowable and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. No fees are believed to be due with this submission. If this incorrect, please charge any required fees to deposit account 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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